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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ANNOUNCES DATES FOR GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES FOR NEW VETERANS HOMES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

EVENT:

The California Department of Veterans Affairs will hold 3 groundbreaking ceremonies for the Greater Los Angeles Ventura Counties (GLAVC) project veterans homes. The dates, times, and locations for these groundbreaking ceremonies are as follows:

<u>LANCASTER</u>	<u>VENTURA</u>	WEST LOS ANGELES
Tuesday,	Wednesday,	Thursday,
June 12, 2007	June 13, 2007	June 14, 2007
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	1:00 P.M.
3101 West Avenue I	10900 Telephone Road	800 Bringham Ave.
Lancaster, CA	Ventura, CA	Los Angeles, CA

WHO:

Representatives from the California Department of Veterans Affairs Representatives from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Local Representatives

BACKGROUND: The United States Department of Veterans Affairs lists California as one of two states in "Great Need" for additional Veterans Homes. The State's voters, Legislature, and Governors all recognized this critical need and responded. Enabling legislation (the Veterans Home Bond Act of 2000, AB 2559 [Wesson] of 2002, and AB 1077 [Wesson] of 2004) has made funds available to develop and construct new Veterans Homes in Lancaster, Ventura, West Los Angeles, Fresno, and Redding. These funds are the matching requirement to receive a grant from the USDVA State Home Grant Program, which provides the majority of the project costs.